

## World Affairs

The theatre of war has shifted appreciably the past week, in an eastward direction. Russia has awoke to the fact that there are nearly 80 divisions of Nazi soldiers along her border or in position to menace her interests. Stalin suspects that it is but a part of a plan that bodes no good for Russia, and the Soviet mind has long dwelled on implications of Japan entering the axis camp, and suspects plenty.

Of the axis company only the Germans have exhibited an ability to fight on even terms. The Italians have been retreating on all fronts where they have met the enemy. The English navy has scored the Mediterranean on armed prow without being able to find any Italian ships. It has now taken to slipping up on Italian naval bases and shell-them. A procedure military men consider suicidal owing to longer range and higher accuracy of guns mounted on solid earth over those installed on ships. Last week they inflicted enormous damage on one Italian naval base without encountering any resistance at all. There are some questions about the Japanese-Sino scrap to which the answers might indicate the Japanese soldier is not so hot either. The long and costly war Japan has waged with a net result of nothing against poorly armed and untrained Chinese needs some explaining.

Stalin has been desperately trying to replace his political generals with military men, and regrets that he shot about all good men he had a year or so ago in purge that we rather suspect someone not a Russian made a couple of magnitude. Reason for the shake-up was the disgraceful showing Soviet troops put on during their northern war a while back.

With military men in command of her armies Russia will be a dangerous foe for any two nations on earth. She has arms aplenty of the most modern kind although her manufacturing facilities for replacement are extremely limited, therefore Russia to win must do it quick, or pick a foe in her class as to replacement ability. The Russian army is to all intents limitless in numbers.

There is some talk that the world powers involved in the war, especially the axis side, are not adverse to a negotiated peace in which the status quo would be preserved. England refuses to be interested as she thinks chances for victory are growing. The Hitler crowd has not been able to digest what it has conquered and to stretch is lines much more would be making them pretty thin.

The American arms program has shown signs of getting on the way to being started. In the first World War it also got off to a slow start but when well under way it was the wonder of the world. Munitions came out at a tremendous rate and in volume no one dreamed assembly-line procedure could bring out. This is one of the reasons that England thinks she may emerge victorious from this war—and a good one.

## Mrs. Smootz Passes After Long Illness

Funeral services of Mrs. Roberta Smootz were held Wednesday morning, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Luise Warren, Welch W. Va. Rev. R. P. Johnson, of the Kimball Presbyterian church assisted by Rev. W. A. Pittard, Baptist minister of Welch officiated.

She had been ill at the home of Mrs. Warren since September. She was a successful teacher for a number of years in McDowell county. Leaving here to accept a position in the Recorder of Deeds' office in Washington, where she served for more than twenty years and held the position of general supervisor of all WPA workers employed thru that office.

She was a graduate of West Va. State college, and Howard university Law School.

Mrs. W. H. Ganaway gave a brief talk on her faith as a Christian, how happy she was in that life was so pleasant when one was of God. how her sister, Mrs. Warren had pledged to stay with her to the very end. And when death came she was gently holding her hand as she was gently crossed the Great Divide.

Mrs. B. F. Hargrove sweetly sang, "I've Done My Work." Other selections were by the M. E. choir.

Survivors of Mrs. Smootz include three sisters, Mr. Richard Warren of Welch, Mrs. Alleen Parson of Keystone and Mrs. Virginia Reeves of Washington; one brother, William Smootz of Newark N. J. and one half-brother, Atty. H. J. Capehart of Welch.

Burial took place in Highland cemetery Huntington, W. Va. Pallbearers were: Atty. Leon P. Miller, J. G. Travis, George Suthers, Ed. Carter, W. H. A. Lilly, Vernal Wright, Chas. Cunningham, John C. Roberts, and Rev. Henry Insley.

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## Race Blamed For Crime Wave

### CRIME RAGE BARRICADES STEUBENVILLE NEGROES

Steubenville, O.—In this city where for the last three months crime has been raging Negroes have been forced to stay in after midnight or be the victims of embarrassment due to the questioning of police officials.

It is reported that Negroes on the streets after midnight are stopped by police and asked of their identity and destination as and as from where they are coming. This humiliation is suffered only by Negroes since it is reported that the crimes are committed by Negroes.

The following is a letter written by one of the citizens. It is reprinted from the daily paper of that city.

Editor, Herald-Star: for the last three months a crime wave has been raging in Steubenville, which is titled purge-snatching. Dear Editor, I feel that some of these accusations that are made usually are termed Negro purse-snatchers. It seems to my mind, and numerous others of my race, that when people are not positive whether a Negro or a white person "snatched" a purse it should be declared in that manner and not so much Negro. Color is frequently hard to tell in the dark and during excitement it is twice as hard.

Whenever a crime is committed let us have complete details. Get those who state the facts to first be positive that it was a Negro.

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### BRITISH RECOGNITION OF SALASSIE CONDITIONED

(By Crusader News Agency) The British government this week recognized the claim of Haile Selassie to the throne of Ethiopia, from which he was driven in 1936 by the Italians with the aid of the British and French.

Recognition of Emperor Haile Selassie was formally announced in parliament by Anthony Eden.

The government, Eden said, would welcome the reappearance of Ethiopia as an independent State and would recognize Haile Selassie's claim to the throne. Eden declared that the British government had no territorial aspirations in Ethiopia, but added that his government wished to "insure that Ethiopia would be modernized and civilized" and claimed that an independent Ethiopian government could not be depended upon to guarantee this realization.

LANGSTON HUGHES TO WRITE FOR NEW SHOW Hollywood (CNA) — The Hollywood Theatre Alliance producers of "Meet the People" musical revue now at New York's Mansfield theatre this week, announced that its committee working on a forthcoming Negro revue has enlisted the services of Langston Hughes who will contribute some material to the show besides serving on the production committee.

Hollywood (CNA) — The highest individual record was made by Amanda Padgett, of the eighth grade with a point average of 3.8.

The honor roll list follows:

Ninth Grade	
James Mayo	3.60
Johnnie Mae Hagood	3.10
Dorothy Thompson	3.00
Ruby Newbill	3.00
William Marley	3.00
Louise Jones	3.00
Eighth Grade	
Maebelle Johnson	3.00
Willie Mae Mayo	3.00
Willie Mae Pennington	3.00
Amanda Padgett	3.80
Rachel Raleigh	3.30
Artelle Miller	3.60
Abe Joiner	3.50
Curtis Lawson	3.30
Quincy McGhee	3.10
Seventh Grade	
Charles Toms	3.50
Herman Lipford	3.30
Walter Holland	3.10
Louise White	3.00
Louise Parsons	3.10

## Kimball PTA To Meet

The Kimball PTA will hold its regular meeting Monday evening Feb. 17, at 7 p. m. at the American Legion building in the city.

Founders Day will be observed. The Program Chairman promises the public an interesting program. The program will include: Devotionals conducted Mrs. Nannie Y. Hough, Music by the Kimball High Boys Glee club, "Origin of Founders Day" by Mrs. Milton Gilreath; An address is to be given the speaker to be announced later. Refreshments to be served.

All persons interested in the school are urged to come out. Remember the PTA is for the interested public.

## 20 Dunbar Students On Honor Roll

Honor roll students of Welch-Dunbar junior high school were announced last week by Miss Katie Vaiden head of the department of social studies and registrar of the school.

Nine members of the eighth grade made the group with averages of B or above six represented for the ninth grade, while the seventh was third with five students.

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## GEORGIA LAD 16 HELD AS CHAIN GANG FUGITIVE

NEW YORK. (CNA)—Jay Gould Cotton, 16 year old fugitive from a Georgia chain-gang was held without bail for a further hearing this week on a warrant from Chatham county Georgia.

Cotton who is married and has a child, escaped from a chain gang in Chatham three weeks ago after he was sentenced to from 10 to 20 years on a charge of robbery, the complaint said.

South Road Work to Increase

Montgomery, Ala.—Alabama WPA workers employed on defense road projects soon will be increased from approximately 6,000 to 12,000, State WPA headquarters announced this week according to a C.N.A. release.

## Gary Meets Kimball Tonite

In their second meeting of the season, the Kimball Terrors and the Gary Bulldogs get together at eight tonight.

This tilt is rated as the best thriller of the year and a county title hinges on the outcome. Gary came out a winner by a few points in the first fray at Kimball, but those lads have really come along.

Both quints will probably start their first five for the first in several games. Each team has been hit by the flu bug.

## High Court Halts Execution Of 2

Montgomery, Ala.—C.N.A.—Swift legal action this week halted the hand of the executioner five minutes before two men were to have walked to the electric chair in Kirby prison.

Joe Vernon and L. C. Bell, the condemned men, were granted the stay by Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter so defense could have time to seek a review of the State Supreme Court's denial of a writ of habeas corpus. Defense arguments are based on the contention that Negroes were excluded from the jury which indicted the two men.

## VIRGIN ISLANDS' NATIVES TO GET FOOD STAMPS

WASHINGTON. (CNA)—Needy natives of the Virgin Islands may soon get some benefits from the Federal Food Stamp Plan, according to an announcement made this week by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard.

The decision to extend the food devise to the poverty-stricken natives was believed to have been the result of persistent request from progressive civic groups in the islands.

Unemployment was said to have hit the natives very seriously and over 11,400 persons are reported to be in dire need.

## Many Negro History Observances

Many schools and individuals observed National Negro History Week in McDowell county by sponsoring programs through out the week.

A radio program under the direction of Miss Geneva Hewitte was broadcasted Sunday over station WBRW.

Mr. P. A. Williams, county supervisor of music, gave musical programs at several of the school's during the week.

Mr. M. U. Johnson and Mr. Robert O. Greer sponsored a Lincoln Day and History program at the Welch-Dunbar school Wednesday.

Many speakers of prominence appeared at various schools in the county during the week.

## WALLER APPEAL PETITION FILED

Petition for a writ of error has been filed with the Virginia Court of Appeals in the case of Odell Waller 23 year old Negro sharecropper whose conviction for the self-defense killing of his land lord is being appealed by the Workers Defense League. In a few days the court will set a date for argument to be presented to the Virginia court by the League's counsel, Thomas H. Stone, of Richmond, and John F. Finerty of New York and Washington. Finerty, member of the League's National Executive Board and formerly Tom Mooney's counsel will handle the constitutional aspects of the case the league charging that Waller's trial before a jury drawn only from those able to pay their poll tax, excluded share croppers and other poor people and was in violation of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution which guarantees all citizens the right of trial by a jury of their peers.

## CALLOWAY IN BRONZE



Cab Calloway is shown here posing for a statue while the nimble fingers of Max Kalish, internationally famous sculptor models in clay a typically characteristic pose of the Royal Highness of Hi De Ho. Kalish selected Calloway to represent modern music for an exhibition of leaders of the popular arts. The statue will be placed on exhibition in the spring.

## Kimball High School Features Guest Artists On History Week

In observance of National Negro History Week, Feb. 10 to 14, Kimball high school presented a series of programs in the auditorium, sponsored by the social science department of the school.

Beginning the series, Mr. J. B. Carroll, assistant superintendent of McDowell County Negro Schools, was the first speaker whose address was "A Brief History of McDowell County Schools," emphasizing the fact that future high school and college graduates learn some trade and stop looking for "white collar jobs."

Ruth Pryor introduced the speaker.

On Tuesday 11 Mr. H. J. Capehart, outstanding McDowell county lawyer, delivered the second address. His topic "The Business of Life," stressed the fact that most important job in life is business.

Rufus Dallas read a paper concerning Negro History Week, Evelyn Clinkscale read "Little Brown Babe," by Paul Lawrence

rendered a piano solo.

The history and dramatics departments combined sponsored Wednesday's program. "Two Races," a Negro History Week pageant, was presented by the history department under the direction of Miss L. Drewery.

Troop No. 1 of the Richard B. Harrison National Thespian Dramatic Honor Society, held its first induction ceremony. Pres. Ruby Hunt presided and Mrs. G. Fitch, sponsor, explained the purpose and aims of the society.

The Kimball High Players is the first Negro Dramatic club to be admitted to this National society.

Mr. P. A. Williams, supervisor of music in McDowell county Negro schools, presented "Music Appreciation Moments" which featured several recordings of Marion Anderson, Dorothy Maynor and Ro'and Hayes. He also played a recording of the Kimball high school Glee club.

James Moon, accompanied by several of his class mates, all seniors of Gary high school, dramatized "The Creation," a sermon by James Wendell Johnson. Mr. Moon and Mr. Williams were the guest artists of this program.

The selections rendered by the Glee club during the week are: "Ave Maria, Verum Corpus," "Go Down, Moses," "My Way's Cloudy," "Two Wings to Veil My Face," and "Be Glad You're an American."

Among the visitors at these programs were: Mr. G. W. Bryson, superintendent of McDowell County Schools; Miss Betty Martin, of Vivian; and Mrs. V. Hemhill, the Kimball kindergarten teacher.

The band played several selections which included "King Cotton," "Military Escort," "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America." Principal U. H. Prunty stated that he wished each student to contribute at least one cent to the National Negro History Week fund.